

# Continuum of Care: What's At Risk



In New York State, **over 158,000 individuals are homeless** at any given time—a number that has **increased by 53.1% in the past year**. The Continuum of Care (CoC) program remains HUD's best response to addressing the accelerating homelessness crisis. **NYS receives \$326.6 million in CoC funding** to provide direct assistance to thousands of homeless and formerly homeless households and coordinate community responses to homelessness.



## Supportive Housing Relies on CoC Funding Statewide

### Total Funding

**\$326.6M**

For contracts

**\$139.4M**

For rental assistance

### Total Households

**13,861**

Served by CoC funding

**8,786**

Served by rental assistance

CoC funding primarily supports permanent supportive housing for unhoused people with disabilities. **It also supports:**

- **Local planning, needs assessment, quality assurance** to address homelessness
- **Data collection and analysis**, rating, and ranking of all CoC funded projects
- **Rapid rehousing** for people experiencing homelessness
- Some **transitional housing**, particularly for young adults
- **Outreach and supportive services**



## The CoC Program Is Facing New Threats

### FY26 President's Budget Proposal

- CoC funding will be **consolidated with HOPWA** and converted to **Emergency Shelter Grants**—a total **funding cut by \$532 million**
- Funding will be **limited to two years for rental assistance**
- Eliminates housing assistance for **thousands living with HIV or AIDS**
- Eliminates funding for many activities and grants **only eligible under the CoC**
- Allocation of funds will be determined by a formula, placing **thousands of existing programs at risk**
- **These proposals will close supportive housing and return people to homelessness**

### New CoC Contract Language

**Nonprofit providers** with contract renewals are asked to:

- Not promote **"gender ideology"**
- Not discriminate on the basis of **racial considerations**
- Not promote elective **abortions**
- **Verify citizenship** of unhoused people and **deny service** based on immigration status
- Commit to complying with **future Executive Orders**
- Government recipients (like NYC) may be **denied funding if they are sanctuary cities**



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